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1. On 17 May 1951, the Moltke Kaserne in Schwerin (N 54/T 46) was occupied by only 150 troops. Tank troopers stood guard at the gates. When the lights were switched on at nightfall, it appeared that all of the troops in the installation were concentrated in one barracks building. Eight JS-3 tanks were parked in the barracks yard.

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2. On 21 May, the Hindenburg Kaserne on Guestrower Strasse quartered only 150 to 200 troops. Gate guards wore artillery insignia. A German craftsman stated that the artillery unit from the installation was at Jueterbog. The commanding officer of the rear detail ordered the craftsman to complete the reconditioning work in the installation by 30 May. Trucks were seen in the billeting area. (2)

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3. On 23 May, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Strasse was occupied by about 800 troops. Gate guards wore crimson epaulets. Troops seen in the barracks yard were engaged in infantry training. All of them were trained personnel.

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4. There was only a little traffic at the headquarters on Schlossgarten Allee on 15 and 18 May. some elements of the headquarters had left the post, together with the troop units.

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5. On 25 May, the Krueger Kaserne quartered about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia. About 60 percent of the barracks windows were lighted at dusk.

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6. On 27 May, the Moltke Kaserne was only partly occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 40 percent of the barracks windows were lighted at night-fall.

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[redacted] A watchtower was being erected at the fuel dump opposite the installation. Telephone lines from the Krueger Kaserne and the Moltke Kaserne converged at the watchtower. (1)

7. On 27 May, the Fritsch Kaserne quartered about 1,000 troops, most of whom wore black-bordered black epaulets, including some with signal insignia; and the rest wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets. Fire reels were seen in the barracks yard.

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8. On 27 May, the Hindenburg Kaserne appeared to be partly vacant. Only a few soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia were seen. The day before

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[redacted] Some of the soldiers had bouquets of lilac with them. (2)

9. On 19 May, the barracks installations in the northern portion of Goerries airfield were only partly occupied. No training activity was noticed. [redacted] were observed at the airfield. (1)

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10. On 26 May, the Fritsch Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. A unit of 1 officer and 60 MM wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying signal equipment marched out of the installation on 21 May. (6)

11. On 22 May, the Hindenburg Kaserne was only partly occupied. No training activity was noticed. A rocket launcher and ambulance were parked in the barracks yard. (2)

12. Two fuel dumps were located on the Grosser Dresch training field, opposite the Moltke Kaserne and the Krueger Kaserne. Soldiers assigned to guard duty there wore red-bordered black epaulets. Tank trucks [redacted] were identified at the fuel dump opposite the Moltke Kaserne. (1) (6)

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[redacted] Comments.

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- (1) The Moltke Kaserne is believed to quarter the 74th Tank SP Regt and the 115th How Arty Regt of the 94th Gds Itz Rifle Div, the 136th Gun Arty Regt of the IX Itz Rifle Corps and other artillery units and AAA units. The information in paragraphs 1 and 6 confirms that the bulk of the troops was away from the installation. This is in accord with a previous report [redacted] that units from Schwerin departed by rail and road prior to 10 May 1951. It is believed that most of the units went to the Wittstock troop training grounds and the rest to Letzing Heath. [redacted] A document obtained in February 1950 identified the 74th Tank SP Regt as being a component of the 94th Gds Itz Rifle Div.

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25X1 [redacted] The JS-3 tanks mentioned in paragraph 1 of
the present report do not fit into the T/E of a tank self-propelled
25X1 regiment of a motorized rifle division. However, since the [redacted]

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25X1 [redacted] The area east of the Moltke Kaserne contains
a fuel dump and a filling station.

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- (2) The 132th Gds Arty Regt (?) of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps, which is
carried in the Hindenburg Kaserne, probably left together with the
units from the Moltke Kaserne; whereas the unidentified RL Regt, pro-
bably the 10th Gds, and the unidentified bridge construction unit,
presumably both of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps, moved to Justerbog and
Bittkau respectively on 25 and 26 April 1951. [redacted]

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25X1 [redacted] The officers and EM mentioned in paragraph 8
of the present report were probably discharges returning to the
U.S.S.R.

- (3) The information agrees with previous conclusions, according to which
the units carried in the Adolf Hitler Kaserne are believed to include
the 286th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 9th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.

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- (4) The Hq IX Mtz Rifle Corps is located on Schlossgarten Allee. It is
possible that units departing from Schwerin were accompanied by ele-
ments of the corps headquarters.

- (5) Because the Krueger Kaserne and the Moltke Kaserne form a joint
billeting area, it is difficult to obtain precise information on the
units there. If the entire billeting area is considered, it is
believed that the bulk of the 74th (Hv) Tank SP Regt was still at the
installation, and the artillery units from there were apparently at
troop training grounds. See [redacted] Comment (1).

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- (6) The information on the Fritsch Kaserne is credible inasmuch as the
installation is believed to quarter the 159th Gds Sig Bn and the 107th
Gds Engr Bn of the 9th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in addition to artillery units.
(7) The artillery units primarily stationed at Goerries airfield probably
departed for field training.

- 25X1 (8) [redacted] It is probable that
the units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps and the 9th Gds Mtz Rifle Div which
were absent from the post for field training at the time of observation
were primarily artillery units. Reports on rail movements in the
Stendal area indicated a similar situation in early and mid-May 1951.

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